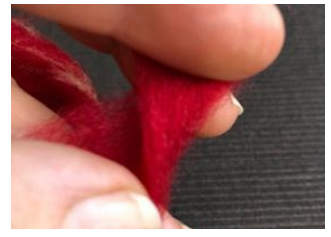


I have been inspired by fellow fibre artist Bev Prideaux (www.mybushlandsculptures.com.au) to create an Apple for a children's project, I have designed an easy to follow PDF with great time saving techniques. The ball shape is a perfect project for learning the importance of pointing the needle in the right direction. Of course this could be created from core wool but the ball of yarn helps shortcut the sculpture for those fidgety artists.



Roll up a ball of red yarn (or core wool) making sure to keep to a pattern as rolling, not too tight. This is the same pattern of turning required whilst stabbing so this trains the hand eye coordination perfectly, before the needle is introduced. Make sure to create the hole at the top with your thumb toward the end of rolling. Once the desired size is achieved, just tack down the end with a size 36 or 38 needle. Using a long darning needle and some dark yarn, sew straight down from the top of the Apple to the base, create a small cross as the base core and then return up to the top to create the stalk. Tie a strong knot to pull the Apple in a little and create the base for the stalk. Start adding merino roving, in your choice of colour, to cover the yarn/core and tack down. Mix up the colours to create the desired effects. Using small twisted tufts of fibre, create the base of the Apple around the star and sculpt well. Keeping some lower parts which are just yarn, to add to the effect. Add a little brown around the base of the stalk and then treat the stalk with diluted PVA glue to make it solid. You sculpture can be shaded with a permanent marker and for that really smooth surface just keep stabbing. Rx



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